

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

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| DONOVAN E. TATE, |) | |
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| Petitioner, |) | |
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| vs. |) | Case No. 4:15CV01159 SNLJ |
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| CINDY GRIFFITH, |) | |
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| Respondent. |) | |

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before me on the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed by Petitioner Donovan E. Tate. I referred this matter to United States Magistrate Judge Nannette A. Baker for a report and recommendation on all dispositive matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). On July 23, 2018, Judge Baker filed her recommendation that Tate's habeas petition should be dismissed.

No objections to Judge Baker's Report and Recommendation were filed. After careful consideration, I will adopt and sustain the thorough reasoning of Judge Baker and deny Tate's habeas petition for the reasons stated in the Report and Recommendation dated July 23, 2018.

I have also considered whether to issue a certificate of appealability. To grant a certificate of appealability, the Court must find a substantial showing of the denial of a federal constitutional right. *See Tiedeman v. Benson*, 122 F.3d 518, 522 (8th Cir. 1997). A substantial showing is a showing that issues are debatable among reasonable jurists, a Court could resolve the issues differently, or the issues deserve further proceedings. *Cox*

v. Norris, 133 F.3d 565, 569 (8th Cir. 1997) (citing *Flieger v. Delo*, 16 F.3d 878, 882-83 (8th Cir. 1994)). Because Tate has not made such a showing in this case, I will not issue a certificate of appealability.

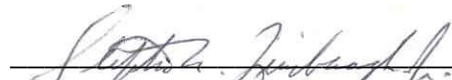
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Judge Baker's Report and Recommendation, #11, filed July 23, 2018 is adopted and sustained in its entirety.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, #1, is **DENIED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court will not issue a certificate of appealability. A separate Judgment in accordance with this Memorandum and Order is entered this same date.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2018.



STEPHEN N. LIMBAUGH, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE